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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT SADAT
FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

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--SINCE THOSE TALKS, THERE HAVE BEEN EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF REACHING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BECAUSE OF THE PROFOUND DIFFERENCES THAT DIVIDE THE PARTIES. IN ALL CANDOR, PRESIDENT CARTER MUST REPORT THAT MANY AMERICANS, INCLUDING CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, CONTINUE TO HARBOR DOUBTS ABOUT ARAB WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT ISRAEL'S SOVEREIGNTY AND TO RESPECT ITS INDEPENDENT EXISTENCE IN THE CONTEXT OF FULL PEACE. SUCH FEARS EXIST EVEN MORE FIRMLY IN ISRAEL, AND TEND TO STRENGTHEN THOSE ELEMENTS WHICH ARE RELUCTANT TO MAKE THE COMPROMISES NECESSARY FOR PEACE.

--PRESIDENT CARTER HAS FREQUENTLY EXPRESSED HIS OWN VIEWS THAT BOTH ARABS AND ISRAELIS NEED AND WANT PEACE. BUT HIS OWN STATEMENTS CANNOT BE A SUBSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC REAFFIRMATION OF THE DESIRE FOR REAL PEACE BY BOTH SIDES.

--IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP THAT HE FEELS FOR PRESIDENT SADAT, PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT PRESIDENT SADAT HELP ADVANCE THE PEACE PROCESS BY FINDING AN OCCASION PRIOR TO PRIME MINISTER BEGIN'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON TO AFFIRM HIS COMMITMENT TO A COMPREHENSIVE AND PERMANENT PEACE AGREEMENT TO BE NEGOTIATED AT GENEVA ON THE BASIS OF UN RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338, WHICH WOULD LEAD TO THE FULL NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL

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